

**House of Representatives  
Technology, Telecommunications, and Energy  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE
September 11	All Day	Seattle	Full Committee	1. Presentation on Energy Issues. a. Minister of the Ministry of Energy and Mines, British Columbia, Canada. b. Industry participants and energy officials. 2. Report from the City of Seattle on the South Lake Union Biotechnology Initiative. 3. To be determined	Public Hearing/ Work Session
September 15 or 17	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Briefing on innovations in eGovernment.	Work Session
September 19	10:00 am	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Briefing on dam relicensing. 2. Briefing on least-cost planning process for utilities.	Work Session
December 3	9:00 am	Olympia	Full Committee, JT with State Government	Technology and privacy issues involved with internet voting.	Work Session
December 4 or 5	8:00am	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Update on implementation of investing in innovation grant program. 2. Update on the review of the state's energy strategy.	Work Session

**Project Title: Update of the State's Energy Strategy**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson

Reference: HB 1005

Other Resources:

Project Description: The state's energy strategy was adopted in 1994 and each biennium, a report is submitted to the Governor and Legislature on the status of implementation of the strategy. Given the dramatic changes in the energy landscape since 1994, the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development began a process to update the state's energy strategy during 2002. A set of guiding principles was established. The Department will continue to develop recommendations for changes to the state energy strategy to include input from interested parties, including legislative members. The committee will monitor the department's efforts to update the state's energy strategy. The committee may also meet with various interest groups including the energy policy committee of the Association of Washington Business. The committee may also explore issues involving public/private partnerships for the development of new electrical generation.

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**Project Title: Encouraging use and development of renewable resources**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson

Reference: SHB 1544; E2SHB 2119

Other Resources:

Project Description: During the 2003 Legislative session, bills dealing with renewable resource portfolio standards for electricity providers and with a greenhouse gas emissions registry were introduced and discussed. In addition, the committee received briefings on a wind energy siting policy that is developing for some natural resource agencies. Some bills passed dealing with alternative energy fuels while other fuel sources were introduced as being in the developing stages. The committee will continue discussions with interested parties and stakeholders on renewable resource portfolio standards and on a state greenhouse gas emissions registry. Committee work will include briefings on actions taken by state agencies and by federal executive agencies and congress. Committee members will explore possible legislation for the 2004 session.

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**Project Title: Developing legislative options for dealing with unsolicited e-mail (SPAM)**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson; Matt Cooper

Reference: HB 1885

Other Resources:

Project Description: Though Washington state has a law that prohibits fraudulent and deceptive e-mail messages, efforts continue to improve the ability of e-mail recipients to screen unwanted e-mail messages. The Committee heard testimony during the 2003 legislative session on additional ways to regulate commercial messages and improve the implementation of the current law. The committee will explore possible legislation for the 2004 legislative session that may include new and additional technologies that allow transmission of electronic mail messages.

**Project Title: Distribution of petroleum products**

Priority: 4

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson; Matt Cooper

Reference: N/A

Other Resources:

Project Description: In early 2003, gasoline prices in the state increased sharply. The Technology, Telecommunications, and Energy Committee and the Commerce and Labor Committee held a joint hearing on petroleum pricing. Certain practices were described that resulted in varied pricing and gasoline availability. The committee will explore the effects on price and availability of petroleum products and may develop legislation.